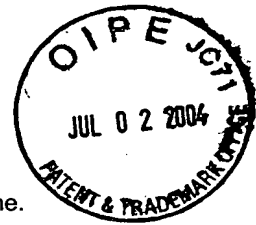


**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**



As a below named inventor, I hereby declare:

That my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

That I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **PROCESS FOR ASSEMBLING A GROUP OF ELEMENTS IN A HOME AUTOMATION NETWORK.**

the specification of which (check one)

☐ is attached hereto.

☒ was filed on April 2, 2004 as  
Application Serial No. 10/817,076  
and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_

(if applicable)

That I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

That I acknowledge the duty to disclose information known to be material to patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

That I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

Priority Claimed

0304638

(Number)

France

(Country)

14/04/2003

(Day/Month/Year Filed)

Yes

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Number)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Country)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Day/Month/Year Filed)

That all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

I hereby appoint the attorneys associated with Customer Number **24628**, of the law firm of WELSH & KATZ, LTD. with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

**CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS**

The address associated with

Customer Number:

**24628**

(WELSH & KATZ, LTD.

Phone: (312) 655-1500)

Should be used for all correspondence in this application.

(Application Serial No.)

(Status)-(Patented, pending, abandoned)

(Application Serial No.)

(Filing Date)

(Status)-(Patented, pending, abandoned)

I hereby appoint the following attorneys, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith and request that all correspondence and telephone calls in respect to this application be directed to WELSH & KATZ, LTD., 120 South Riverside Plaza, 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60606, Telephone No. (312) 655-1500:

Attorney

Registration No.

A. Sidney Katz	24,003
Richard L. Wood	22,839
Jerold B. Schnayer	28,903
Eric C. Cohen	27,429
Joseph R. Marcus	25,060
Gerald S. Schur	22,053
Gerald T. Shekleton	27,466
James A. Scheer	29,434
Daniel R. Cherry	29,054
Edward P. Gamson	29,381
Kathleen A. Rheintgen	34,044
Thomas W. Tolpin	27,600
Jon P. Christensen	34,137
Eric D. Cohen	38,110
Walter J. Kawula, Jr.	39,724
Philip D. Segrest, Jr.	39,021
Mitchell J. Weinstein	37,963
Leonard Friedman	37,135
Steven E. Feldman	40,604
Jeffrey W. Salmon	37,435

Full name of sole or one joint inventor:

CHERON, Eric

Inventor's signature:

Chéron

Date:

26/03/2004

Residence and Post Office Address:

Verney

74460 Taninges - France

**Citizenship:**

French

**Address for Correspondence:**

Eric D. Cohen  
WELSH & KATZ, LTD.  
120 South Riverside Plaza  
22nd Floor  
Chicago, Illinois 60606